



Minutes
OWLS HEAD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
January 21, 2020

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas Von Malder called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Present were selectmen Linda Post and Gordon Page. Also presented were Ernest Benner, John Walker, Lynn Chaplin, Katy Miller, Emily Philbrook, Jessie Warner, Tristan Warner, Tom Christie, and Steve Cook.

ASSESSORS:

Assessors agent Thomas Edwards had sent an e-mail in regards to a homestead exemption that was accidentally removed from the property at 8 Schooner Bay Ave, map/lot: 013-021-001. An abatement for \$215 for the year 2018 and \$230 for 2019 was approved and will be signed once the correct paperwork is sent from the assessor.

Motion: Gordon makes a motion to approve the application for abatement of property taxes for \$445 total for the years 2019, 2020. Linda seconds that motion
VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

Chairman Thomas Von Malder adjoins as assessors and opens as selectmen

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: 4:04 Linda makes a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 meeting of the board of selectmen. Gordon seconds that motion
VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Frank Ross sent the selectmen some figures for the fire truck replacement. \$91,000 from one company and \$135,000. Frank Ross was unable to attend the meeting so the decision was postponed until the next meeting.

Central Maine Power was contacted for the cost of installing a street light on Birds Loop. There are no charges for installation, only monthly fees. No decision was made until the Road Commission, Bill Leppanen can attend a meeting. It was asked to invite Mr. Leppanen to the next meeting.

Selectman Page has been in contact with Kendra Jo Grindle from the Island Institute. She has offered her services to work with the residents on Ballyhac Rd. A meeting will be set up between Dave Matthews and Ms. Grindle that is convenient for them. Chairman Von Malder talks about the market analysis for the Dublin Rd property sent in by Dale Martin, a local real estate agent. The market analysis is for \$45,000 and almost \$90,000 was spent in the cleanup. Ms. Post states more research needs to be done in regards to selling because there are over 12 acres of land. She thinks it has potential for

4 separate lots, depending on soil tests. Mr. Page asks if we are looking to recoup the amount spent or take what we can get for it. He mentions the potential for affordable housing as the need in Knox County is plentiful. The Selectman would like Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford to present at the next meeting to discuss zoning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emily Philbrook is pursuing the purchase of 52 Ginn Point Rd. She and her husband Justin Philbrook are hoping to get a land-use zone change so the family can land their lobsters there. She states she attended the planning board meeting and says they are all in support of the project. Selectmen Page asks if she has contacted the abutters. She says she hasn't. Selectman Post asks if she has contacted the state in regards to the particulars on the zoning change. Chairman Von Malder request that the subject put on the next agenda and have Scott Bickford present.

Jessie Warner inquires what the requirements are for an on-premise liquor license for the Old General Store that is now up for sale. What exactly is the process, she asks? Selectman Gordon Page asks if she has contacted the Maine State Commission, they told her to start with the Selectman. She plans to get in contact with CEO Scott Bickford about zoning. Selectman Post says there has to be a town meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Emily Philbrook asks the Selectman if they can listen to the recording of the planning board meeting to move forward with the process. Chairman Von Malder says that he doesn't believe that the selectmen can move this process quickly, stating there has to be a public hearing at some point for the zoning change.

Tom Christie would like to know if there will be any kind of construction being done during November as he has reserved the downstairs for a Craft Fair on behalf of the Garden Club.

Chairman Von Malder states that the census bureau has sent a map and they would like to know if it is up to date.

APPROVE AND SIGN THE MUNICIPAL WARRANT:

Motion: 5:01 Linda makes a motion to approve the warrants as presented. Gordon seconds the motion.

VOTE 3 in favor – 0 opposed

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

Motion: 5:02 Linda makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Gordon seconds the motion.

Vote 3 in favor – 0 opposed